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US Catfish Value of Sales Up 5 Percent

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of \$379 million during 2019, up 5 percent from \$360 million the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 96 percent of the United States total sales. Alabama growers had foodsize fish sales of \$97 million, up 7 percent from the previous year.

Catfish Water Acres and Inventory — Alabama and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Item	Alabama				United States			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Water acres	16.8	15.9	(NA)	(NA)	63.3	61.2	(NA)	(NA)
Food size, total	51,090	45,780	80,900	72,100	159,735	147,400	227,299	208,631
Large	3,690	2,980	13,700	10,900	6,970	4,825	25,908	17,187
Medium	19,800	18,000	39,600	36,000	54,275	56,290	102,509	104,847
Small	27,600	24,800	27,600	25,200	98,490	86,285	98,882	86,597
Stockers, total	85,800	54,300	20,200	15,100	301,060	269,660	62,449	58,966
Large	38,200	31,600	15,700	13,000	117,570	110,570	44,624	41,778
Small	47,600	22,700	4,500	2,100	183,490	159,090	17,825	17,188
Fingerlings	36,700	19,600	1,350	977	343,875	220,635	9,384	7,747
Broodfish.....	(D)	10	(D)	40	560	500	2,659	2,393

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

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Alabama Foodsize Catfish Sales: 2010-2019

Million dollars

